

"Democracy is based upon the conviction that there are extraordinary possibilities in ordinary people."  
—Dr. H. H. Woodick

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## WORLD-WIDE AUDIENCE FOR 55th ANNUAL SACRED CONCERT, MAY 15



Word has been received by the Northfield Schools that the State Department has accepted the broadcast of the annual Sacred Concert as one of the programs to be rebroadcast to the entire world at a later date. The Schools are now trying to learn the exact of the rebroadcast so that friends and alumni in foreign countries may be notified.

The 55th annual Sacred Concert will be held in the Northfield Auditorium Sunday afternoon May 15 at 3:15 and the half-hour portion of the program between 3:30 and 4 o'clock will be broadcast over the nation-wide network of the American Broadcasting Company of which the key station is WJZ, New York. Station WHAI of Greenfield will carry the program locally.

The numbers to be heard on the air include: "The Omnipotence," Franz Schubert; "Glory Be to God," Bachmanoff; "The Cherubic Hymn," Greshamoff; "Jehovah Reigns in Majesty," Chadwick; "Agnus Dei," Prossobald; by the Or-

where, "Ancient Hebrew melody," and "The Northfield Benediction," Lucy Rider Meyer.

The conductor will be Albert Raymond, choral director of the Schools with Milton J. Aronson directing the orchestra. Accompanists will be Miss Marian Keller, head of the Northfield music depart-

ment and Carlton L'Hommiedieu, head of the Mount Hermon music department. Permission for the orchestra to broadcast was obtained through the cooperation of the musicians union local. This will be the first time the orchestra has been heard on the air.

The Concert of Sacred Music given each year by the students of the Northfield Schools (Northfield School for Girls and Mount Hermon School for Boys) at East Northfield, Massachusetts, was presented for the first time on Monday evening, May 13, 1895, in the Northfield Auditorium. Originally a hymn singing this annual affair has, through the years, broadened in scope until today the repertoire includes a wide selection of the finest chorales, anthems and hymns of the Christian Church.

The complete chorus of over one thousand voices is made up of the student bodies of the two schools who are trained separately and sing together only on this annual occasion. The more difficult numbers, however, are sung by smaller

out the year. The A Cappella Choir is perhaps the most painstakingly trained group and sing difficult numbers in a finished and complete manner which compares favorably with the finest professional choral groups. Each school also has its own Glee Club and some of the concert numbers are given by these groups.

It is interesting to recall that the Auditorium in which the concert has been held each year was described when it was built as Moody's Folly. D. L. Moody, the founder of the Northfield Schools, was a man of vision and foresaw that the seating capacity of close to 3000 would be needed in the days to come. His associates, however, were sure the capacity was far greater than would ever be required.

As it has turned out the capacity is much too small and large numbers of interested people are turned away each year. Admission in recent years has been strictly limited to holders of tickets.

Among the composers whose hymns were sung at the first concert were Ira D. Sankey, P. P. Bliss, George C. Stebbins, and James McGranahan, all men whom Mr. Moody had gathered around him to help in the evangelistic work. They were known as the Northfield group of hymn writers and for many years their gospel songs were standard church music in Great Britain and America.

The concert was broadcast on a nation-wide hookup each year from 1935 to 1941 and again in 1946. In each of the war years when national coverage was not available, local stations in the vicinity of Northfield carried the program.

### Seek Bids

Bids will be accepted until 6 p. m., May 31, 1949 for furnishing fuel oil to the Northfield, Mass., Post Office from July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950. Amount needed will be determined by the severity and length of the heating season. Bids must be submitted in triplicate on the prescribed form which may be obtained from the Postmaster at Northfield, Mass.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to express our appreciation to our neighbors and friends for their many acts of kindness during our recent sorrow.

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### News of the Schools Girls Hold Class Day

Clearing skies enabled the seniors at the Northfield School for Girls to enjoy their traditional Class day celebration today. Starting the day with late breakfast the seniors toured the D. L. Moody Birthplace and Museum in the morning and held their picnic lunch and afternoon program on the lawn by the auditorium. This program included the reading of the class Prophecy, (Will, Who's Who, and History) and ended with singing and games. The day was climaxed by the banquet held in the evening at the Northfield Hotel. Special guests included Miss Mtra B. Wilson, principal, Miss Elizabeth Gray and Miss Lella Jane Smith, class teachers, and the parents of seniors from Northfield and vicinity. Miss Mary Canterbury of Houston, Texas, a high honor student, delivered the Class Oration and Miss Martha Bodel of Lakeville, Conn., was the Class Poet. Nancy Grosier of South Hadley is president of the Class of 1949.

This weekend the spring meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Northfield Schools will be held on the Northfield campus. Following dinner at the Northfield Hotel on Friday evening there will be a reception in honor of President and Mrs. Park at the Chateau, to which faculty and staff members of Mt. Hermon School, Northfield School for Girls and the Northfield Hotel have been invited. The board meeting will be held in Kenard Hall on Saturday morning, at which time the budget for the year 1949-50 will be approved.

On Sunday the guest preacher in Russell Sage Chapel on the Northfield campus will be Mrs. Mildred McAfee Horton, president of Wellesley College and a trustee of the Northfield Schools, who will speak at the 11 o'clock service, and Dr. Albert C. Fulton, '94, minister of the Lake Street Church in Elmira, New York, will preach at the ten-thirty service in Mount Hermon Memorial Chapel.

Headmaster Howard L. Ruben-

University on May 10.

### Miss Wilson Hostess To College Club

On Thursday evening, April 28, Miss Mira B. Wilson, Principal of the Northfield School for Girls, acted as hostess to the Franklin County Club of Smith Alumnae, assisted by the Northfield and Mt. Hermon members.

To the assembled group of about forty, augmented by several of the mothers of alumnae living in this vicinity, Miss Frances L. Rich, first public relations director of Smith College, talked with enthusiasm of her various activities in connection with her contacts with students and the public. She told of the interesting printed matter being prepared under her supervision for secondary schools.

She described the functions of the new student house, told of the increasing importance of the Art Museum to extracollege groups and urged those present to get acquainted with and contribute to the Archives department.

Miss Rich is not only a rapid-fire, magnetic speaker but an extremely versatile person, having already earned no mean reputation for herself in painting, sculpture and drama. She brought with her an original, life-sized bust in terra cotta of President Davis, done by herself. She was a high ranking officer in the Waves during the last war.

Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses during the informal period which followed.

### Fortnightly Final Meeting May 6

The Fortnightly will hold its final and annual meeting, Friday, 3 p. m., in Alexander Hall. Election of officers for the coming year will take place at this time.

The Girl Scouts and Brownies, led by Mrs. Robert Abbott and Mrs. Paul Thompson, will present the program. There will also be a food sale, for the benefit of the

## STEPS TAKEN FOR REGIONAL CONSOLIDATION BY RESIDENTS OF 5 TOWNS AT CPC FORUM

### Orange to be Host For Giant Music Festival

The town of Orange will play host to the Western Massachusetts Musical Festival on Saturday, May 14 and present registrations indicate there will be upwards of 2500 scholastic musicians who will participate. Schools represented by bands, orchestra and choral groups include: Athol, Ashfield, Agawam, Barre, Charlemont, Easthampton, Gardner, Greenfield, Great Barrington, Hardwick, Holyoke, Leverett, Longmeadow, Ludlow, Hadley, North Adams, Northfield, Northampton, Northbridge, Orange, Palmer, Springfield, Shelburne Falls, South Hadley, Turners Falls, Westfield, West Springfield, Williamsburg, Winchendon, Worcester high school of Commerce and Worcester North high school.

The program calls for auditions from 9 a. m. to 12 noon at the Congregational, Methodist and Universalist churches, the town hall, Memorial Hall, high school and Orange Theatre. At noon the youngsters will be served dinner in the state armory and then form for the big street parade which will start at the armory at 2 o'clock, proceed up East Main street to Central square, thence down South Main street to King street and the town park. There the units will be reviewed by judges, officials of the association, town officials and school superintendents. There will be concerts by individual bands, drills and a concluding massed band concert under the direction of C. Paul Herfurth, director of instrumental music in the East Orange, N. J. public schools. At 4:30 in the Congregational church there will be a massed choral group concert under the direction of Dr. Augustine Smith.



SENATOR RALPH C. MAHAR

The first steps for the ultimate development to a regional consolidated high school were taken at a Central Planning Committee sponsored forum in Northfield, on April 29, when more than 100 citizens from the five town School Union 22, Northfield, Bernardston, Gill, Leyden and Warwick were present for discussion led by Supt. F. Sumbner Turner, featuring talks by Sen. Ralph C. Mahar of Orange and Mott P. Gushue, chairman of the town school building committee.

The forum adopted a resolution proposed by Laurie Harris, Jr., of Bernardston, that the Union School committee action committee, composed of one member from each of the five towns, undertake the preliminary work of informing residents of their respective towns about regional consolidation, and to report at a further meeting in the very near future.

Dr. J. W. Bennett, chairman of the CPC, opened the meeting by introducing Supt. Turner, who op-

sion of "what we have and we want" in the way of education for our children.

Supt. Turner reviewed the present inadequacies in the school system of the Union, and went on to cite figures representing present enrollment, as well as future figures. This year, he said, there would be 379 enrolled in a five town consolidated six grade high school, with the numbers increasing each year. This fall, he continued, there would be 415; in 1951, 450; and in 1954, 498. These figures do not take into account the so-called "war babies", he added.

He went on to explain the scope of consolidation in the state of New York, as well as the steps being taken in New Hampshire to develop regional consolidation. Then he explained the practical workings of a consolidated high school in Canaan, Conn., which has an enrollment of 451 pupils. He added that in examining the need and practicability of setting up a regional school three principal points are to be considered: wealth of the communities involved, roads and number of pupils.

Mott Gushue based his report on three very urgent problems confronting the schools of Northfield. First of all, he said, the rising school population makes it necessary that more adequate facilities be provided, not only in the high school but for the elementary grades where the need is more pressing. Immediate added space is needed, he continued, although the peak in grade registration will not be reached until 1952 or 1953. He went on to say that the problem facing the lower grades will soon confront the high school, which although not so much restricted in space is restricted by a limited and inadequate curriculum.

The second problem, he noted, (Continued on Page Three)

### Special CPC Meeting

There will be special meeting of the Central Planning Committee at the town hall, May 10 at 8 p. m. This meeting has been called to set up future dates for forums on Regional Consolidation.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 7, Franklin County 4-H Club Round-up, New Salem.  
VFW Radio Broadcast, 4:45 p. m.  
H. Keith Jacobus, speaker.
- May 9, Annual P-T. A. supper and election, town hall, 6:30 p. m.
- May 10, Haven H. Spencer Post visits Bernardston Post.  
CPC Special meeting, 8 p. m. town hall.
- May 11, VFW meeting, 8 p. m. Post quarters.
- May 12, Evening Alliance meeting, 6:30 Mrs. Keh's home.
- May 17, Brotherhood meeting, "Father & Son Night".
- May 18, Red Men meeting, Grange Hall, 8 p. m.
- May 21, Girl Scout "Lone Troops" of Pioneer Valley meet in Northfield.
- May 24, Legion meeting, Town Hall 8 p. m.
- May 26, OPC Meeting, town hall, 8 p. m.

### ON THE AIR



The Northfield Post 9874, V. F. W., will be on the air at the regular time this Saturday, 4:45 over station WHAI, with another in the series of Speak Up For Democracy broadcasts.

Mott P. Gushue, Adjutant, will be the speaker this week.

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### A Clearing House

The Central Planning Committee of Northfield, an unofficial body and acting as a clearing house for all organizations in this community, has found its place as a positive part in the life and structure of this town.

This view was substantiated a number of times at the April 29 forum on regional consolidation at the town hall.

With the preliminary work now under way for the consideration of consolidation, Northfield stands ready and able to study and examine the proposal, not only through its official bodies and town appointed committees, but through the facilities and channels of the Central Planning Committee.

Every organization in town should take cognizance of this fact, and use the facilities thus set up and functioning. All individual members of the CPC, and the invaluable assistance it can render any group, acting as it does as a clearing house for ideas and projects.

### "No More Pencils"

With the turning of the earth for the summer time gardens, the budding trees, and the flowering shrubs, and "no more pencils, no more books, no more teacher's cross-eyed looks", our thoughts will turn toward the enjoyment of all that a New England summer can provide — and it does provide a good many things, in a natural sort of way. However, we must, every now and then, assist nature, by supplementing her beauties and lavish hand.

If you have read this far, you might guess that we are talking about a swimming pool and outdoor recreation area.

"Last one in is an old maid!"

### "Every Day ..."

A local lad, of some five years, was diligently and dutifully assisting his mother in the early phases of spring cleaning, when he suddenly stopped and looked at his busy assistant, and said, in all seriousness, "Mama, you're pretty husky, but you ain't got much brains!"

What could the mother of this five year old do but shrug her shoulders and think, "Well, found out at last!"

This is a pretty apt point made by the little guy, for after all, many of us, a good many years past his age, go on thinking that all through life.

For after all, mother's go through a lot of trouble getting us here, keeping our noses clean and supplying us with sneakers, so that the least we can do is remember her on this Sunday, but the best thing we could do is to remember her every day of the year.

### Evening Alliance

The Evening Alliance of the Unitarian Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Shirley Kohl, on Thursday, May 13, at 6:30 for an outdoor supper. The annual business meeting and election of officers will follow. Assisting Mrs. Kohl with the supper will be Miss Nellie Dearstine and Mrs. Virginia S. Haack.

### THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400 words or less. All letters must be signed by the writer - the name will not be used if you so desire.)

#### An Invitation

To the Editor:  
Many friends have spoken of the beauty of our Japanese Quince hedge. We never pick the blossoms facing the street and appreciate the fact that, this year, everyone else has left them for others to enjoy.

We will be glad to have anyone who wants an unbroken view of the river use our bench on Main street, as well as our chairs on the north lawn. In seasons past they have been used by friends from seven to seventy.

Emma M. F. Powell

#### Vermont has Corn too!

The Northfield Press, Northfield, Mass.  
To the Editor:

Up here, in the hills of Vermont, we go for corn, produce a great deal of it, in fact. The kind I've been reading about in your paper, through, "Vivid Recollections" doesn't go here; the growing season isn't long enough for it to mature. Anyway, who wants to wait so long for corn to develop!

A Vermonter

#### "... a joy forever"

The Northfield Press, Northfield, Mass.  
To the Editor:

Taking for our definition of art, the practice of expression, in all its forms of beauty, I would ask H. A. B. to give further thought to his statement appearing in "Breeze" of your April 28th issue.

Instead of "Art is now recognized as an escape medium", I would suggest — art is, in truth, a return to reality! The materialism of our times has led us away from the true and enduring values of which beauty is perhaps the foremost.

Beauty is truth and harmony and goodness. Its very abstract nature makes it possible for us to give to the art forms of our hands and minds our own appreciation and ideas of beauty, to our own satisfaction, and for communication of those qualities to our fellows, for their enjoyment we hope, for their contemplation anyway.

Beauty is a joy forever. Its loveliness increases; it will never pass into nothingness. (We say there are certain beauties that pass, like the rose that withers. The beauty we admired in the rose is a phase of its development and soon passes, but the fact of it remains with us, "a joy forever.") Our sense of beauty may fall as our minds be engrossed with material things, but beauty is still there, all around us, from nature, its original source, to proof of a geometrical proposition, (strange as it may sound to some.)

Man has done much probing for a definition of beauty. Holding that beauty is truth and truth beauty, I would say that the end of both is perfection; that is, beauty and truth are such only as they approach perfection. Perfection would be complete harmony with all natural laws. Beauty and truth become apparent to man only to the degree that he himself is in harmony with nature, for man must be physically and spiritually fit to become responsive to the beautiful in nature or in art.

R. B.

#### Town Topics

Sunday afternoon services begin at 2 o'clock at the Cathedral in the Pines and will continue at that hour until September. The organ recitals Wednesday and Friday afternoon will start in July.

Mrs. W. R. Moody is spending a week with her daughter, Mrs. Arthur Packard in Rye, N. Y.

## VIVID RECOLLECTION

by Phil Porter

Who was this Morely that could sway the hearts and minds of his audiences? He was sixty years my senior, so I had to rely on oral information regarding his early history; but I did have the pleasure and later the worry for having known him in the flesh.

From all accounts he had traveled the length and breadth of this and many other countries with "The Greatest Show on Earth". During his stay with that company his occupation consisted in feeding the wild animals, and, one September morning while Morely was going about his duties, a big Bengal tiger, in a playful mood snipped off his left arm just below the shoulder. This was not only a surprise and shock to Morely; but also a physical inconvenience. Not wishing to continue in an occupation which entailed such business risks he resigned his position and was wending his way back to the Canadian border where he could again be with his French associates. It was only by chance that he came to Northfield to make an over-night stop. Before resuming his journey he looked over the town asked several questions of the men standing on the street corner then concluded to prolong his visit. From other sources I had gathered the information that he was quite adept to fill an engagement on short notice, wherever his services might be needed. Having been under the tutelage of the Great Barnum he could adjust himself to any situation that came to his attention.

A new society had recently been organized in the village. This was made up entirely of women who had banded together to see what could be done to stop the inroads being made by alcoholic beverages. This decision was brought to a head because some of their husbands under the pretext of going to the grain store, too often loitered around the cider mill and other

places of refreshment. Morely was consulted and employed to give a talk on this subject.

When the men heard of this, they immediately pronounced Morely a mendicant, and that he would eventually become a source of expense and worry if permitted to become a domestic. These arguments gained them nothing, and when they saw that they were losing ground, they proceeded to affect a compromise with Morely. It should be kept in mind that we are dealing with events of nearly one hundred years ago, when Morely was in his prime, and when entertainment of any form or nature was rehearsed and produced by local talent only. It is quite within reason, then, that the men who did overstay their time in the villages would naturally avail themselves of every opportunity to get together to discuss plans for future prosperity and social reform; but the women's club had other ideas and some evidence that this was not always the case.

These were the days of the midwife; these were the days when the physician and the dentist were having a struggle to gain a foothold. The haunted house, the bogeyman and Indian atrocities were relied upon to calm the infant and put it to sleep. Dandelion wine, good cider, and a violin were the foundation of fun, hilarity, and entertainment. Folk lore and legends abounded and were next of kin to the Scriptures in the hearts and minds of the people. Morely was well versed in all these arts and could render an account of his knowledge in a most pleasing and authoritative manner. He always vowed that he would die with his boots on, and he did. One evening, just after supper time he dashed into a neighbors blazing barn in an attempt to save a young heifer; but he never came out again. (To be continued)

## BREEZE

by HAROLD A. BRIEGBMASTER

ANGEL ISLAND  
Although I am sold on the beauty of New England, I am not blind to the fact that there are other places in this great country of ours that are particularly outstanding. One such place is a little island in San Francisco Bay which has been owned by the United States Government for the past one hundred years. Appropriately named Angel Island, it shares the same climate as California, but has the distinction of being several miles off the mainland. This island has everything — white sandy beaches, forested hills and a certain charm that has been felt by every visitor.

Listening to the radio the other day, I heard that Angel Island had just been sold as surplus property to the city of San Francisco for the sum of \$700,000. The city intends to develop the island as a vacation resort.

As a guest of the Army, I was billeted there before going overseas, and with many others, was very much aware of the beauty of that little island off California. If any Northfield tourists travel to San Francisco area they should include a visit to Angel Island.

C. P. C. and the Taxpayer  
One of the best things that has sprung up in town since the planting of the elm, has been the formation of the Central Planning Committee. Their recent forum on the regional high school situation was a marked success. Initial action was taken to create interest in the needed project, and the citizens of Northfield and other towns are now actively discussing regional consolidation.

The C. P. C. has grown in influ-

ence in Northfield, and many have had to make new estimates as to its value in town. The taxpayer has been shown that all new ideas do not necessarily effect the tax rate. If the proposed organization of a taxpayers association becomes a reality, and if this association joins the CPC, both will benefit. The taxpayers will have a sounding board and the CPC will have another stabilizing force among its members.

DISILLUSIONMENT  
The rumors of trouble brewing between Ingrid Bergman and her husband have come to this writer's attention. It was taken much for granted that their marriage was one that would last even in Hollywood, and that Ingrid Bergman was apart from all the commonplace happenings in the movie community.

I still hope these rumors are incorrect and that Ingrid Bergman's sojourn in Italy will cease to be a basis for speculation. Hollywood's peculiar, environment, its separate codes and ethics, do not help the troubled movie industry and may be a cause of its fading in prestige. Ingrid Bergman's rise to success was not due to Hollywood influence, but was achieved in spite of it. New actresses and actors should not be handicapped by present conditions in the movie colony.

(ED. NOTE: Good news tonight! Bergman issues statement from Stromboli: "Back to my husband," says she, as the world holds its breath. As Rita Hayworth would say, "Set 'em up in the other Aiy.")

#### Town Topics

Rev. and Mrs. Loring B. Chase have arrived at their cottage in the Highlands for the summer. They have been at Lake Como, Fla. for the winter.

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- Germany surrenders unconditionally, 1945.
- Mother's Day.
- J. P. Morgan forms U. S. Steel Corp., 1901.
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- Columbus began last voyage to New World, 1492.
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## Your GARDEN

by Gertrude C. Whitney

Before the spring planting has progressed too far, I feel impelled to speak of the dangers of erosion and the necessity for soil conservation. This is a very big subject and has to do with the grass roots of our existence, man has quite enough to do to combat the rampaging elements and hold back what soil remains for him to cultivate, rather than seek further possessions or engage in warfare with his brother man.

Have you ever noticed the dredgers at work in Boston Harbor, opening up their ugly jaws and bringing up tons of mud brought down by the so-called placid Charles and sluggish Mystic rivers through soil erosion? What can be reclaimed is used to build up pestilential flats, but long before the memory of man this process has been going on. Much eroded soil and sand have been scooped up by the tireless fingers of the ocean and laid down in shoals to be avoided by ships. Witness the gradual wearing away of the many drumlins deposited by the glacial sheet at Winthrop, Point Allerton and the islands of Boston Harbor which now show a bare, seamy face edged with piled up boulders and scraggly foliage.

If the torrential rains can do so much to land of slight elevation, on what a larger scale they are able to work in our great Connecticut River Valley, with the river gaining momentum as it rolls from side to side, under-cutting bankings and gully exposed elevations. Witness the many terraces throughout its length and the gradual lowering of the river bed. Where has the land gone? Into Long Island Sound even to forming Long Island itself. Yes, part of your garden may be down there now, so it's up to you to protect the rest of it.

As I go back and forth to the East Northfield Station, I cannot fail to notice, on the further side of the Schell Bridge, the great gash in the landscape made by the flood of something over ten years ago. Nothing ever seems to have been done about it. It is a blot on the landscape. What is to prevent Old Man River from coming back for more, when he gets to rambling again in a big way? The building of a dike seems to be the answer.

Just beyond the station, on the right, is a very deep gully, and there are others, between there and the Mt. Hermon station, all mute

evidences of the erosion of centuries, for tall trees are growing there.

One form of wearing away of the top soil is called sheet and rill erosion. This is likely to occur during heavy rains on broad areas of cultivated intervals with enough of a slant to carry the good rich earth, its valuable nitrogenous and other chemical contents, into the swirling and swollen river. The Department of Agriculture recommends terracing, contour cropping and strip cropping for soil conservation in our valley (all explained in Leaflet No. 193, issued by the Extension Service, University of Massachusetts, also available at the Greenfield Court House.)

A lot of soil may be held back by arranging your rows of vegetables across your slopes, instead of up and down with the wash from above. For long continuous rows, follow the contour of the land, so that with each hoeing, there is less danger of the soil being carried away by heavy rains.

Wind erosion is very damaging too, especially along the coast. The Government is safeguarding against that also. The picturesque sand dunes of Plum Island, Cape Cod and Nantucket are continually changing their shapes through the action of the strong winds, unless well anchored with vegetation. What is known locally as the Back Side of Provincetown (the Province Lands) was originally covered with a forest. Some sixty years ago, while visiting relatives in Provincetown, I myself came upon a depression among the dunes nearly out to the Peaked Hill Bar Life Saving Station, in which a number of old dead stumps of cedars were still to be seen. A severe storm would cover them up, perhaps forever. My cousin and I had walked through the deep sand, up one dune, only to find eight more ahead of us, before we had covered the three miles to the ocean.

The Government is now planting beach grass, small pines, bayberry bushes, sumac, Scotch broom, and sand peas on the sand hills and wind-blown embankments of the highways to prevent erosion. In fact, on any State highway, you will notice that young pines or vines have been planted on the surface of newly cut "shoulders."

### Summer Conference Schedule Announced

Once again the General Conference Committee has been successful in obtaining an outstanding group of speakers from all over the world.

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Fiction: Her Fondest Hope, by Eden; The other dear charmer by Peggy Dern; Peace, my daughters, by Barker; Lost Buckaroo, by Lomax; Terry, by Blockinger; Doc Dillaha, by Powers; Mountain Interlude, by Peggy Gaddis; Root out of dry ground by Briggs; Hound-dog man, by Gipson.

Non-fiction: Ghosttown on the Yellowstone, by Elliot Paul; Their finest hour, by Winston Churchill; Foundations for reconstruction, by Elton Trueblood; Mahatma Gandhi, an interpretation by E. Stanley Jones; Sugar Islands, a Caribbean travelogue, by Waugh; Stop annoying your children, by Bauer; Trial and error, by Weismann; Marmes, mother of Little Women, by Salyer.

I am also listing below recent gifts which have been added to our shelves:

See yourself as others see you, by Seabury; gift of Mrs. Franz George.

leaders, representing, as they do, wide experience in various fields of service, will present a program which will be helpful and inspiring to ministers and laymen.

The daily schedule will be similar to last year's and will include several interesting afternoon events and opportunities for informal discussion groups.

Mr. Albert R. Raymond, Choral Director of the Northfield Schools, will again be in charge of Conference music. Under his direction the Northfield Singers, a chorus of Northfield and Mount Hermon students, will sing at the principal Conference sessions. Mr. Carlton W. L'Honniedieu, head of the Mount Hermon Music Department, will be Conference organist.

Dr. William E. Park, President of the Northfield Schools and Chairman of the General Conference Committee, will be the presiding officer.

Because of many early inquiries and reservations the Committee suggests that those who wish to be assured of accommodations send their requests as soon as possible.

June 16 - June 25  
Registrar: Miss Margaret Gale, Studio 2, 119 East 18th Street, New York 3, N.Y.

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## Baseball ROUNDUP

### NHS Wallops Weak Charlemont Nine, 26-4

The Northfield High School baseball team rolled over a hapless Charlemont nine by a score of 26-4 with Manuel Mello leading the way with two homers.

#### Northfield

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
Jurkowski, 3	6	3	4	1	1	0
Hassett, 2	4	3	1	3	0	0
Maraczki, 2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Lanphear, 1	6	5	3	2	1	1
Mello, 5	6	5	2	2	0	0
Blimon, 2	6	3	5	0	0	0
Fisher, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Severance, cf	3	2	3	0	0	0
Whitney, lf	2	0	1	1	0	0
Field, if	3	1	3	0	0	0
Kenney, rf	2	0	1	0	0	0
Griswold, rf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Hutchins, c	5	4	2	12	0	0

Totals 51 26 26 21 2 1

#### Charlemont

	ab	r	h	po	a	e
W. Clark, a	4	0	2	3	0	0
Wells, 1	4	0	1	5	0	2
Burnett, p-2	3	2	1	0	0	1
Feder, p	2	0	2	0	0	0
Burdick, c	3	2	3	11	1	0
Porrovecchio, 2	1	0	0	0	1	0
Purinton, 2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hicks, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0
Lyman, cf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Tower, rf	3	0	0	0	0	1
Bliss, lf	3	0	1	0	0	1
D. Clark, 3	3	0	1	2	0	2

Totals 29 4 9 21 2 7

Score by innings: 123 456 7  
Northfield 745 403 3-26  
Charlemont 000 220 0-4

Runs batted in, Lanphear 4, Mello 6, Blimon 2, Field 3, Hutchins Feder 2, Two-base hits, Lanphear, Home runs, Mello 2. Base on balls, off Burnett 10, Feder 3, Blimon 7. Struck out by Blimon 12, Burnett 6, Feder 5. Losing pitcher Burnett. Umpire, Gordon. Time, 2:38.

### BUY SAVINGS BONDS

## STEPS TAKEN

(Continued from Page One)

was the lack of pupils. There are 65 pupils in the local high school which number precludes the adoption of a varied curriculum. He then stated the sizes of the classes for Latin, Algebra, Spanish, etc., and continued by saying the setting up of a regional high school will do away with small classes, the duplication of teachers and the lack of competition among pupils. He also noted the new courses that could be added, such as music appreciation, Industrial arts, if a larger school were provided.

The third pressing problem is the lack of a gymnasium and auditorium. He revealed that his committee did not think it advisable to contemplate the construction of a gym and auditorium, costing, \$100,000 to \$130,000, at this time. This was the 1947 figure which probably would not be enough under present day conditions and costs.

Sen. Mahar, lauded by Supt. Turner for his work at "a leader of education in the State Legislature", reviewed two acts that have done much to raise the standard of education in the Commonwealth. One act is designed for state assistance in school building construction and the other for state aid for transportation.

The third act, he said, deals with regional consolidation, and is now in hearing before various committees, and if plans work out, it should be up for a vote within a month, at which time it should become a law.

Sen. Mahar, who is chairman of the recess commission on education, went on to say that the initiative for regional consolidation was not taken, but was a "grass roots desire" on the part of a large number of people, and to illustrate this point, he named a number of communities now petitioning the State for permission to consolidate.

Mahar continued with a description of the Canaan, Conn., consolidated school, a school, he had visited during the course of the work by the recess commission, and described the development of an extensive curriculum now available to children of six towns in that area. He noted a few disadvantages, but added that they were of

a minor nature.

Mahar gave a detailed schedule to be followed by the towns in setting up a regional school. After exploratory meetings are held, and two or more towns signify their desire for a regional school, town meetings must be called and the moderator directed to appoint a committee. This group is then to investigate the needs, possibilities and abilities to construct. If it is then decided to form a regional high school, then an agreement is drawn up and submitted to the state planning board. It is then reviewed by the state education and emergency finance boards and returned to the local selectmen. Another town meeting would be necessary, and if two-thirds approve, it would be adopted and the district set up.

Mahar added that the bill is flexible enough to leave control of the school in the hands of local authorities, and, he continued, state aid now provided local communities would continue.

A question and discussion period followed, during which time Sen. Mahar and Supt. Turner had opportunities to discuss the various ramifications of the bills. Sen. Mahar added at this time that he felt the committee on education of the Legislature was favorably disposed toward the passage of the bill.

John B. Hawley, of the Adult Education Division of the Dept. of Education for the State of New York, spoke briefly during the meeting, invited anyone interested to avail themselves of the information his office could provide, in view of the more than 300 consolidations effected in the State of New York. Dr. Bennett announced that the OPC would set up another forum in the near future, and invited the Union School committee action group to report at that time.

### Dr. Bennett to Head VFW County Council

Dr. John W. Bennett, Commander of the Northfield Post, 9874, was elected commander of the Franklin County Council of the VFW at the last council meeting.

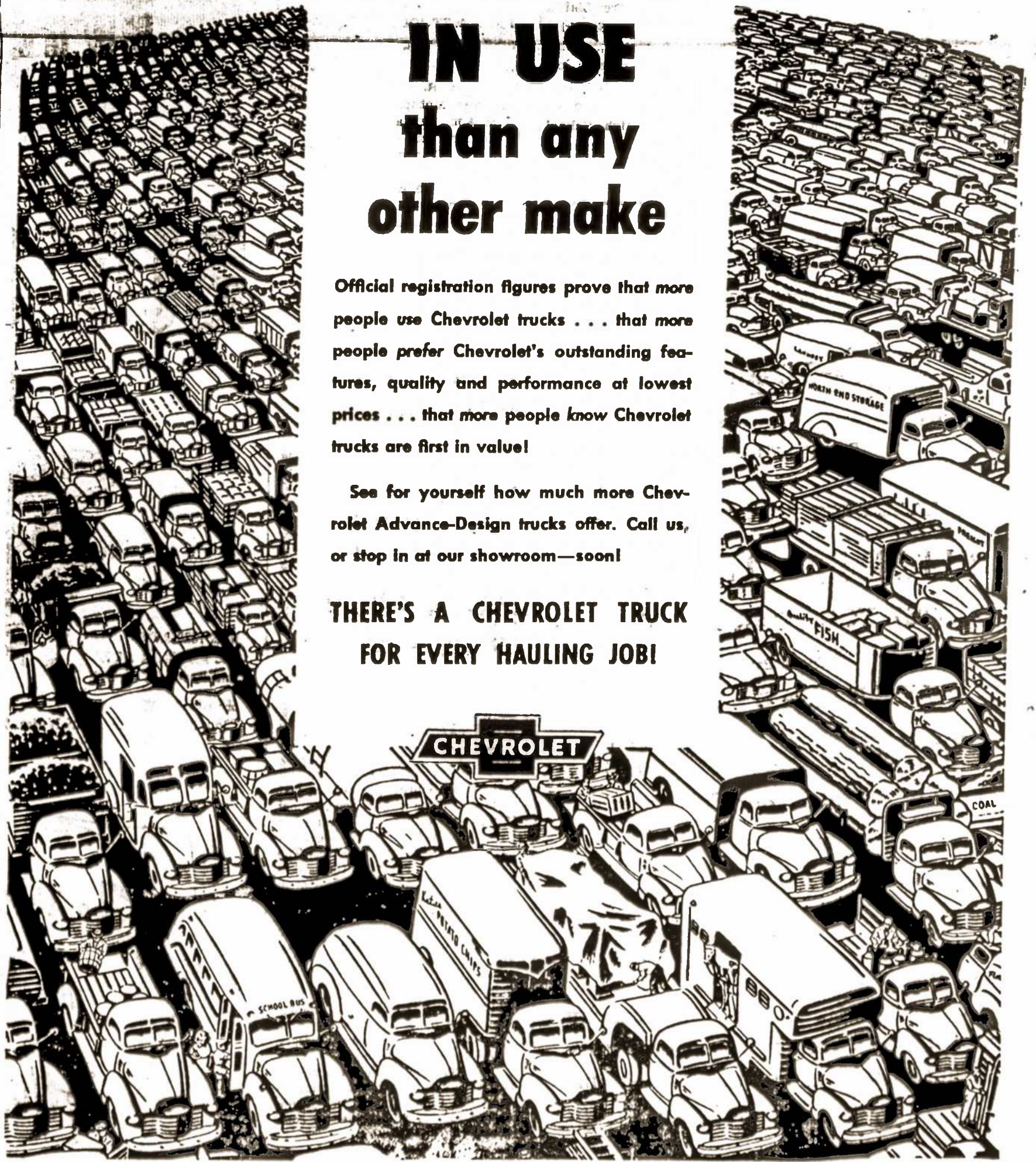
Other members of the Northfield Post serving as elective officers are Daniel J. O'Keefe, adjutant and Robert Gingras, officer of the day.

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## School Activities

### Northfield High School News

The Junior class is making final arrangements for the annual Junior Prom to be held this year on Friday, May 6 at the Town Hall. Music will be furnished by the popular Musical Bargeons. Tickets are being sold by members of the Junior class and several other high school students. Refreshments of soda, cookies, and ice cream will be sold at intermission. Members of the various committees are:

Program, Esther Carter; Publicity, Chester Galdia, Russell Fisher; Refreshments, Barbara Fortier, June Anderson, Marguerite U'rielewicz.

Class and group pictures were taken on the steps of the high school on Wednesday. These pictures will be used in the year book which will be distributed during the last week of school. Close up pictures were taken of the faculty and the following teams: football, volleyball, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, baseball, and softball.

Miss Clarke, executive secretary of the Franklin County Public

Health Association spoke to all members of the student body who are 14 years old or over on Tuesday. She explained the purpose of the Patch Test in determining those who have had tuberculin contacts. She demonstrated the procedure on Miss Barbara Mankowsky, school health nurse. Those having parental approval will be given the test on next Monday, May 2. The results of the test will be read by Dr. Dean, school physician, on the following Friday. Any positive reactors will be x-rayed in Greenfield within a few weeks. This is another health project of the school health department and the Franklin County Public Health Association.

The Glee Club is rehearsing for a concert to be given in the town hall on Friday, May 20. Mrs. Virginia Raymond is in charge. Some of the members of the club are planning to go to Orange on Saturday, May 14 to attend the annual spring Western Massachusetts School Music Festival.

## Church CALENDAR

### TRINITARIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister  
Sunday, May 8th:  
9:00 a.m. — Junior Choir Rehearsal.

9:55 a.m. — Church School.  
10:00 a.m. — Young People's Forum and Men's Bible Class.  
11:00 a.m. — Public Worship. Family Sunday sermon subject, "Those Other Women." A sermon in appreciation of maiden women, childless wives, and mothers-in-law. Pre-school age children attended by Mrs. Ray Thompson.

6:30 p.m. — Pilgrim Fellowship of Young People. Martha Chamberlin will lead the devotional service. Mr. Unto Hantunen, guest and speaker. Mr. Hantunen's subject: "Editing and Publishing a Small Town Newspaper."

The Spring Meeting of Franklin County Congregational Women will be held in the Colrain church on Wednesday from 10:30 to 3:00 o'clock.

### COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, MAY 17th — "Father and Son Night" at the Brotherhood. Supper served at 6:30.  
SUNDAY, MAY 22nd — 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. Franklin County Congregational Youth Rally in our church.

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Rev. Elvin W. Blackstone  
Services every Sunday, 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School, 11:45 a.m.  
Loyal Workers, 6:45 p.m.  
Praise Service, 7:30 p.m.

### UNITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. Richard G. Sechrist, Minister.  
Sunday, May 1.  
10:00 a.m. — Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m. — Service and Sermon.

### ST. PATRICK'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Rev. Henry J. McCormick, Pastor  
Masses: First Sunday of Month, 8:30 a.m. All other Sundays, 10:30 a.m.

### FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Henry G. Dussott, Pastor.  
May 8,  
10:30 a.m. Service and Sermon, "A Worthy Mother."  
11:30 a.m. Sunday School. Special Mother's Day Observance.  
7:00 p.m. Prayer and praise, service.  
7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Mid-week prayer service.

From June 1947 to April 1948 Naval and Marine Reserve Aviators flew 487,359.9 pilot hours.

## Aiken Backs Dairy Farmers



Senator George D. Aiken last week added his unqualified support to a proposed measure banning the transportation of yellow oleomargarine in interstate commerce. The bipartisan bill, carrying the names of 26 senators from 16 states, would repeal all Federal taxes on oleomargarine but leave it to the individual states to decide whether yellow oleo should be manufactured and sold within their respective borders.

In condemning the Poage Bill, which passed the House of Representatives by a narrow vote with the backing of the oleo interests, Senator Aiken declared:

"The consumer is in for a violent shock if a law is enacted permitting the premises and uncontrolled sale of yellow oleo in competition with butter."

"Few industries in America are so monopolistic as the oleo business. Only 24 firms are licensed to manufacture yellow oleo at the present time, while the number of concerns that control most of the raw material from which oleo is made can be counted on the fingers of one hand."

## 4-H Roundup to be held in New Salem, May 7

A number of local 4-H Club members, accompanied by friends and parents, are planning to attend the 4-H Roundup in New Salem, Saturday, May 7.

The boys and girls will present various demonstrations in the morning, with a fashion show and the use of farm machinery featuring the afternoon program.

Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and everyone attending should bring a lunch.

## Town Topics

Improvements on the roadways of Rustic Ridge are under way, with George W. Carr in charge. Some of the roads will be oiled while others will receive a coating of oil. Electric light poles are being located and set up by crews of the Western Mass. Electric Co. It is expected that the work will be finished by July 1st, following the stringing of new wires and the connections to the cottages.

Mrs. Everett Lobb, and family, Meriden, Conn., who occupied the Pine Tree cottage last summer,

returned here last week, and discovered that during their winter absence thieves had broken into their cottage and stolen a quantity of bedding. Entrance was gained by removing a shutter. State police are investigating.

On May 12, The Flatlands Dutch Reform Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., will dedicate carillons in memory of Charles William Roeder, who was pastor there for thirty-three years. During Dr. Roeder's life time, he and his wife attended the August Conference annually. At present Mrs. Roeder is making her home with Mrs. W. R. Moody, and she will go to Brooklyn for the dedication ceremonies.

Mr. and Mrs. James Parker of Barnardston observed their 20th wedding anniversary and his 79th birthday last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed, Mrs. N. D. Alexander, Mr. Daniel Alexander and Mrs. C. H. Webster attended the wedding of Miss Ruth Irene Holton, daughter of Henry C. Holton, to Mr. Robert Fleming in West Hartford, Conn., April 30. A reception for 60 persons was held at the home of the bride's father.

The annual finance campaign of the Hampshire-Franklin Council of the Boy Scouts of America extends from May 2 to 12 this year.

The following were welcomed into membership at the Trinitarian Congregational Church on May 1: Mr. and Mrs. Mark B. Aldrich, Miss Vera Caroline Allen, Miss Marion Berlin, Mr. Arthur Hiram Bolton, Jr., Miss Janet Dean, Mrs. Mercy Kent Hallam, Mr. Alan Wayne Hurlburt, Mr. Russell Clement Hutchins, Mr. Deane Langhear, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Langhear, Miss Norma Elleen Leach, Mr. Edgar James Livingston, Jr., Mrs. Jean Pearson Marshall, Mrs. Daniel O'Keefe, Mrs. Henry B. Prescott, Mrs. Charlotte Rayman, and Mrs. John H. Spondler. Received into membership at the March Communion service: Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Rice and Mr. Leslie S. Rice.

lends greater weight to the proposed regional consolidation.

The case for Regional Consolidation as presented by the three principal speakers, Sen. Mahar, Supt. Turner and Mott Gubse, was a fine example of clear thinking and assiduous research.

This forum indicated that School Union 22, and each of its member towns, can do much in lifting the educational standards of its pupil population as well as raise Massachusetts from the ruck in which it finds itself in the educational standards of the nation.

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## A Good Case

Judging from the large turnout at the town hall last Friday night for the forum on Regional Consolidation there is plenty of interest in the idea. The fact that each of the five towns in School Union 22 was represented at this gathering

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## CENTER SCHOOL NEWS

Jean Fisher of Grade 5 received a letter from Agnes Foulon of Camiers who said they have to have ration cards for sugar.

During the last marking period Wallis Black and David Scott are perfect attendance. Sixth grade pupils on the honor roll are Mary Ellen Barnes, Marie Clark, Geraldine Durant, Donald Hiller, David Scott and Donald Williams.

While playing ball at home Monday Beverly Williams of grade six broke her left arm.

Pupils are making sixth grade science more interesting by many things which they bring in. Alice Wood brought frogs' eggs and poliwogs which the class watched. She also contributed a map which shows the state flower and state bird of each state in the United States. Several have brought wild flowers. Charlene Chamberlin and Irene Doolittle have found many of these. Peat from Ireland was David Scott's contribution. As there are no wall maps of the Old World in the room David has furnished several.

The entire grade spent an hour at the library museum recently and have been studying. Among them were a human skeleton, bird's eggs of all sizes, stones and minerals, including gold, silver, copper and iron ore, quartz, asbestos, mica, malachite, and many others, a meteorite fossil, old time farming tools and household utensils.

## NEW ARRIVALS

### BRASSOR

In Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, April 29, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brassor of Northfield.

### MURRAY

In Brattleboro Memorial Hospital, May, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest G. Murray of South Vernon.

## Nurses Report

The Public Nurse in Northfield, Miss Barbara Mankowsky, submits her Nurse's report for the month of April:

Total number of visits, 148, of which there were 45 chronic visits, 57 acute visits, 2 antepartum, 2 postpartum cases, 2 health supervision (Infant), 15 visits for school children, 9 telephone calls, 16 people provided with transportation.

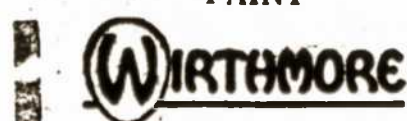
This month Miss Margaret Clarke, Executive Secretary of the Franklin County Health Association, spoke to the High School students on patch testing for tuberculosis. These patch tests were done on all students in the High School Building who returned consent slips from their parents.

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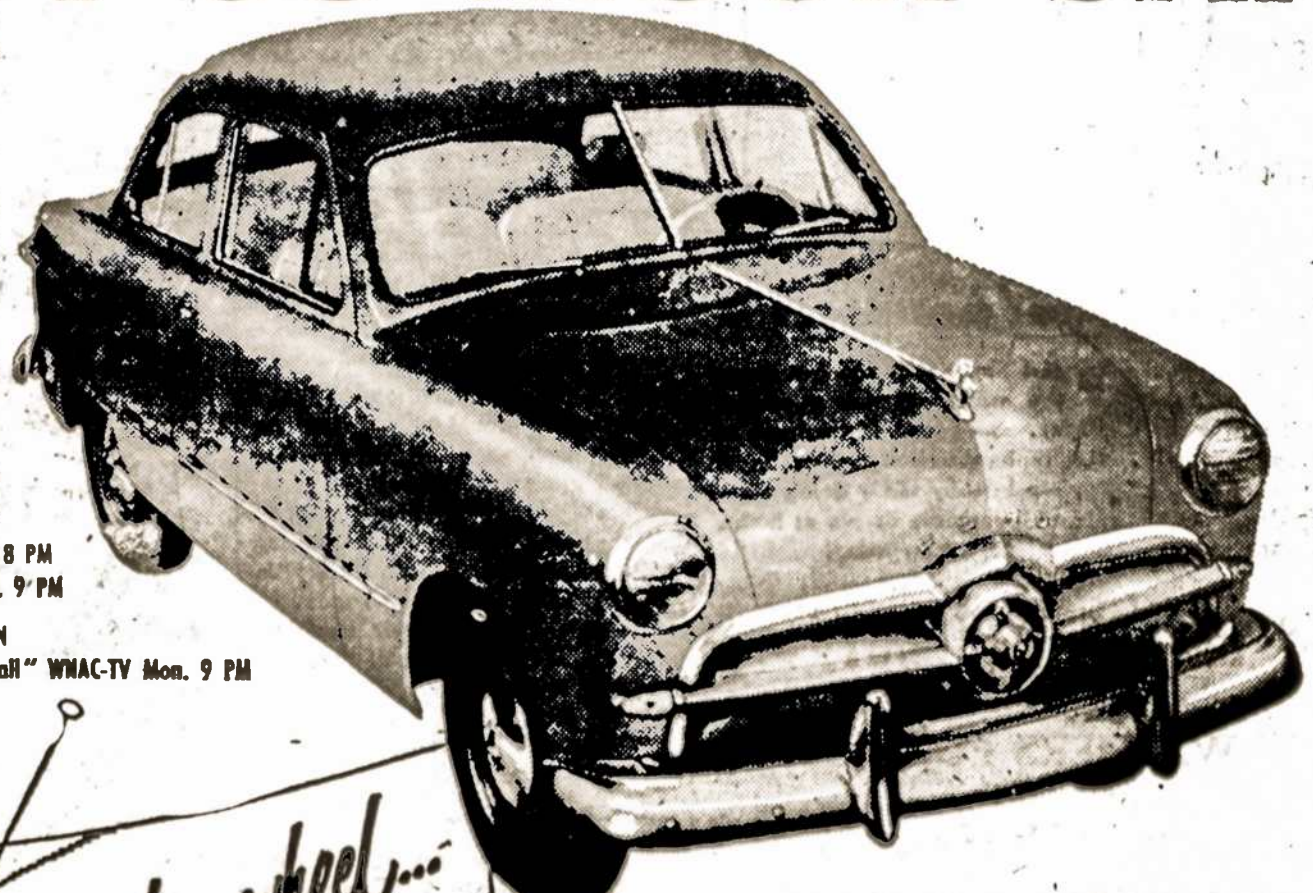
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